

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 3, please insert:

--This application is a continuation of application serial No. 10/243,083, entitled "Method for Dynamically Switching Fault Tolerance Schemes," filed September 13, 2002 and assigned to the corporate assignee of the present invention.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending. Please amend claim 1. Please cancel claims 2-18. Please add claims 19-34.

1. (Currently amended) A method of ~~dynamically switching among a plurality of fault tolerance schemes associated with a fault tolerance mechanism that executes in a distributed system, the method comprising:~~

~~obtaining a~~ evaluating at least one measured wait time associated with ~~of at least one user interface event in relation to a desired level of fault tolerance associated with an application executing~~ occurring in said a distributed system, said wait time including at least one of a communications time, a service time and a fault tolerance time;

~~determining whether a mean of said wait time is greater than a predetermined mean wait time threshold;~~

~~determining whether said communications time, said service time and said fault tolerance time are mutually independent when said mean of said wait time is greater than said predetermined mean wait time threshold;~~